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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Guan et al.

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For: Parallel Fixed Bed Reactor and  
Fluid contacting Apparatus and  
Method

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**AMENDMENT A**  
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated September 20, 1999, and specifically, to the restriction requirement set forth therein, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 49-60, without prejudice. Please add new claims 61 and 62 as follows:

-- 61. (new) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the vessel-containing assembly further comprises a vessel inlet port located on the bottom surface of the base block, and vessel outlet ports located on the top surface of the cover block, the vessel inlet port providing fluid communication with an entrance control volume that provides

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